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# MARYLAND CONSERVATION COUNCIL

July 22, 1980

Dr. Bernard J. Snyder  
Program Director  
Three Mile Island Program Office  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C., 20555

Dear Dr. Snyder:

I recently received a copy of the May 28, 1980, letter from Harold Denton to Herman Dieckamp, President of General Public Utilities, and Robert C. Arnold, Senior Vice President of Metropolitan Edison Company, in which he puts them on notice that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has not given approval to the Submerged Demineralizer System (SDS).

Since you are the Program Director responsible for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements concerned with Three Mile Island decontamination efforts, I am sure that you had a hand in drafting Mr. Denton's letter. As a conservation organization which adopted a resolution (copy enclosed) November 17, 1979, calling for an Environmental Impact Statement before radioactive discharges be allowed at Three Mile Island, we appreciate the insistence of NRC that the PEIS be completed and taken seriously before approval is given for an industry-proposed alternative. Although the press has indicated that Metropolitan Edison has spent \$8 million on its SDS, the Maryland Conservation Council thinks that all of the potential impacts on Maryland's environment and the health of its citizens should be assessed before the NRC commits itself to a course of action.

In short, we salute NRC for the caution and judgement that you and other NRC officials, as well as the Commissioners, are displaying in this difficult matter. Also, thank you for keeping me on your distribution list for the Environmental Assessments and other NRC Staff Reports emanating from your Office.

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Very truly yours,

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## RESOLUTION ON RADIOACTIVE DISCHARGES

November 17, 1979

Whereas radioactive discharges from the damaged reactor at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant pose a potential hazard to persons and aquatic organisms downstream because they threaten drinking water supplies; food fisheries; and the integrity of the Bay ecosystem;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Maryland Conservation Council request the Governor of the State of Maryland to obtain immediate written assurances from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that no contaminated discharges will be permitted without prior preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and full adjudicatory hearings in which the State of Maryland intervenes as an interested party, and that if such assurances are not immediately forthcoming or such discharges occur, that the Governor direct the Attorney General to seek an injunction to prohibit any such discharges.

Be it further Resolved that the Maryland Conservation Council request that the Governor require that the said Environmental Impact Statement address the effects of radioactive discharges on the aquatic environment, alternate methods of waste water decontamination other than Epicor II, alternate methods of waste water disposal including but not limited to solidification in cement, and the possible cement shutdown of the damaged reactor.

Be it further resolved that the Maryland Conservation Council ask the Governor to require that the existing monitoring and sampling program at Three Mile Island be expanded to include independent scientific personnel.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Maryland Conservation Council, Inc., at its meeting at Oxford, Maryland, Saturday, November 17, 1979.